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SUBJECT: MALI FREES VOLTAN PRISONERS DURING VISIT
OF OAU MEDIATION COMMISSION

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1. SUMMARY: DURING BAMAKO CEREMONY ON JUNE 24 THE MALIAN GOVERNMENT IN THE PRESENCE OF A VISITING DELEGATION FROM THE MEDIATION COMMISSION OF THE OAU FREED BOTH VOLTAN MILITARY PRISONERS AND RETURNED EQUIPMENT AS AGREED TO IN FINAL LOME COMMUNIQUE ISSUED ON JUNE 18 (SEE REFTEL).

2. THE VISITING OAU MEDIATION COMMISSION INCLUDED FONMIN AYI HUNDELE (TOGO), AND FONMIN MOUMOUNI DJERMAKOYE (NIGER). OTHER MEMBERS WERE LT. COL. KOFFI KONG (TONGO), CAPT. ADAMA AROUNA (NIGER) AND MR. YAWO KAPOTSRA, SECRETARY OF THE MEDIATION COMMISSION.

3. SPEAKING AT CEREMONY AFTER DELEGATION HAD MET WITH
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PRESIDENT MOUSSA TRAORE, MAJOR KISSIMA DOUKARA, MINISTER

OF DEFENSE, INTERIOR AND SECURITY SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY WAS NOT ANXIOUS TO REPEAT WHAT PRESIDENT TRAORE HAD EARLIER DISCUSSED WITH DELEGATION BUT HE (DOUKARA) DID EMPHASIZE THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF "WE THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES" ON ANY OAU GESTURE AND ACTION.

4. ON MALI'S NON- AGGRESSIVE CHARACTER, DOUKARA STATED THAT MALI'S DESIRE HAS ALWAYS BEEN DIALOGUE AS A MEANS OF RESOLVING BORDER PROBLEM WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS MINOR OCCURENCES BETWEEN BROTHER AFRICANS. MALI'S TREATMENT AND RELEASE OF BOTH PRISONERS, HE SAID, SERVE AS A WITNESS OF "OUR GOOD WILL AND PROVE TO THE VOLTAN PEOPLE AND ABOVE ALL TO THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES THAT WE CAN CO-EXIST ON VERY PACIFIC TERMS."

5. THE CEREMONY ENDED WITH ONE VOLTAN PRISONER, SERGEANT-MAJOR SEYDOU OUEDRAOGO TESTIFYING THAT HE HAD BEEN WELL TREATED DURING DETENTION AND EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE IN RETURNING HOME.

6. THE MEDIATION COMMISSION LEFT MALI IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CEREMONY FOR OUAGADOUGOU.
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